



CITY OF LONG BEACH DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE COMMISSION ON YOUTH AND CHILDREN JUNE 25, 2008

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Martin called the meeting of the Commission on Youth and Children (CYC) to order at 5:05 p.m., in the Parks, Recreation and Marine administration building's large conference room. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, roll call was taken, and a quorum was confirmed.

Present: MacKenzie Martin, 5th District Youth, Co-Chair

Rebecca Turrentine, Education, Co-Chair

Chelsii Summerville, 4th District Youth, Co Vice-Chair Mary Soth, Early Childhood Development, Co Vice-Chair

Helen Ingram, Education Roselin Michael, 8th District Youth

Kelly McDonnell, 3rd District Youth
Jeanetta McAlpin, Social Services

Ana Mora, 9th District Youth
Jessica Quintana, Parent

Jon Meyer, LBUSD Board of Education Marc Rothenberg, Juvenile Justice

Absent: Excused – Marty Isozaki, Job Training

Excused - Victor Perez, Health

VACANT, 1st District Youth
VACANT, 6th District Youth
VACANT, 7th District Youth

VACANT, Youth Enrichment

Staff: Sherri Nixon-Joiner, General Recreation Superintendent, Community

Recreation Services, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine

Marla Camerino, Clerical Support, Department of Parks, Recreation and

Marine

Guests: Melissa Morgan, Human Dignity Officer

Jeff Williams. Youth Services Network

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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It was moved by Co-Chair Turrentine and seconded by Commissioner Ingram to approve the May 28, 2008 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

III. COMMENTS: TIME GIVEN TO THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSIONERS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS WITHIN THE JURISDICITION OF THE COMMISSION. EACH PERSON WILL BE ALLOWED 3 MINUTES UNLESS EXTENDED BY THE COMMISSION

There were no comments.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE COMMISSION

A. Monthly Citywide Services Report to Commission

Ms. Nixon-Joiner stated that the report was included in the monthly packet.

V. <u>CO-CHAIRS REPORT TO THE COMMISSION</u>

A. Co-Chair Turrentine

Co-Chair Turrentine stated that she met with Melissa Morgan, Human Dignity Officer, regarding the Mayoral Forum. Ms. Morgan has not had the opportunity to meet with the Mayor. Co-Chair Turrentine will keep the Commission informed as soon as she hears back from Ms. Morgan.

Co-Chair Turrentine also reported that the Los Angeles County Probation Department has decided to establish a better transitioning plan for incarcerated youth and will be partnering with school districts that have the highest percentage of youth that are incarcerated.

B. Co-Chair Martin

Co-Chair Martin stated that she attended the Commission's Executive Committee meeting, as well as her District Level Youth Advisory Council meeting. In addition, she took a trip to Washington D.C. to receive her Congressional Award Gold Medal, attended her Girl Scout Gold Award Ceremony, and attended the installation ceremony of the Soroptomist Club's newest president.

VI. REPORTS

A. Standing Committees

1. <u>Executive Committee</u> Co-Chairs Turrentine and Martin, Co Vice-Chairs Soth and Summerville, Commissioner Meyer

Co-Chair Turrentine reported that the Executive Committee me to prepare tonight's agenda.

2. <u>Public Relations Committee</u> - Commissioners McAlpin, Rothenberg, Summerville, and Turrentine

The Public Relations Committee did not meet.

B. Special Committees

1. <u>Long Beach Youth Fund Committee</u> - Commissioners McDonnell, Martin, Michael, Summerville, Ingram and McAlpin.

The Commission received an outline of what projects were submitted to the Long Beach Youth Fund Committee.

A. Long Beach Youth Fund Applications

Recommended Action: Accept recommendations of the Committee to award funds to four (4) youth groups with some or no stipulations; and to deny funds to two (2) youth groups due to criteria established by the CYC not being met.

Prior to discussing and voting on the Latino/a Empowerment Action Group's proposal, Commissioner Quintana recused herself due to a conflict of interest.

The recommendation of the Long Beach Youth Fund Committee is to grant funding to the Latino/a Empowerment Action Group. The Committee recommends that in the event LEAP's request for a fee waiver is denied, the group will receive a \$2,000 grant award; should the request for a fee waiver be approved, the group will receive a \$1,850 grant award.

It was moved by Co-Chair Turrentine and seconded by Commissioner Soth to approve the recommendation of the Long Beach Youth Fund Committee regarding Latino/a Empowerment Action Group's project. The motion carried unanimously.

The Committee recommends that the Boy Scout of America project and the Girl Scout Gold Award project not be funded, as there was no impact to the community.

The Committee recommends funding on the following projects:

- 1. American Red Cross Youth Council project in the amount of \$2,000;
- 2. Peer Advocates Teaching Healthier Solutions project in the amount of \$1,700:
- 3. Second Generation Youth Group project in the amount of \$1,000.

It was moved by Co-Chair Turrentine and seconded by Commissioner Ingram to approve the recommendations of the Long Beach Youth Fund Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

It was decided that the Long Beach Youth Fund Committee would reconvene to take a broader look at the Project Guidelines associated with future Long Beach Youth Fund proposals. The Committee will bring their findings back to the Commission for a full discussion.

At this time Co-Chair Martin reordered the agenda to bring forth Agenda Item VII.B.

A. Resource Guide – Presentation from Melissa Morgan

Ms. Morgan, Human Dignity Officer, provided a brief description of how the Human Dignity program started and the various projects that the Human Dignity Office is involved with.

Ms. Morgan stated that for the past year, she has been connecting with resources. She would like to revisit one of the Resource Guides that was created by the Youth Services NETWORK. The guide is outdated and hopes to work with various entities in getting it updated and figuring out how to make it more accessible.

Possible ways to make the guide more accessible to youth were shared.

At this time the Commission returned to the discussion of Agenda Item VI.B.1

C. Standing Item Reports

1. District Level Youth Advisory Councils - Report on DLYAC meetings

Commissioner McDonnell stated that the Third and Fourth District Level Youth Advisory Councils would not be meeting during the summer.

Co-Chair Martin stated that the Fifth District Level Youth Advisory Council had their last meeting before going dark for the summer. Co-Chair Martin also stated that the Youth Council had their first Tree Inventory event at Wardlow Park, where they discovered that the park has more than 300 trees.

Commissioner Mora stated that the Ninth District Level Youth Advisory Council met to discuss their upcoming cleanup event.

2. <u>Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Task Force</u> - Commissioners Rothenberg, Summerville, and McDonnell

Commissioner McDonnell reported that the Task Force elections took place. In addition, the Task Force discussed their Mission Statement, as well as their Purpose Statement.

3. <u>Safe and Smart After School Sustainability Committee</u> - Commissioners Turrentine, Meyer

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Co-Chair Turrentine stated that Commissioner Meyer informed her that they are getting help from various corporations located in Long Beach.

D. Non-Committee Commissioner Comments

There were no comments.

VII. <u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u>

B. Gang Intervention and Truancy Officers – Presentation from representatives of LBUSD's School Safety Office

Staff reported that Chief Tim Hickman would not allow his officers to work past their normally scheduled work hours. Any presentations would have to be conducted with in their scheduled hours.

C. Resource Guide – Presentation from Melissa Morgan

This item was previously discussed.

VIII. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

A. City Health Officer

Recommended Action: Ask staff to invite the City Health Officer to attend the next CYC meeting to make a presentation on the state of our children's health.

It was moved by Co-Chair Turrentine and seconded by Commissioner Rothenberg to have staff invite the City Health Officer on behalf of the CYC to make a presentation at the next CYC meeting.

B. Profile Committee

Recommended Action: Identify two adult commissioners and two youth commissioners to participate on the Profile Committee and agree that those commissioners will assist with the development of the bi-annual Report and Profile.

Commissioners Soth, McAlpin, Summerville, and Mora have volunteered to sit on the Profile Committee.

It was moved by Co-Chair Turrentine and seconded by Commissioner Rothenberg to have Commissioners Soth, McAlpin, Summerville, and Mora sit on the Profile Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Budget

Recommended Action: Ask City staff to contact a representative from the City Manager's office to make a presentation regarding the FY09 budget for the City and how it will impact youth.

It was moved by Commissioner Soth and seconded by Commissioner Summerville to approve staff to contact a representative from the City Manager's office, on behalf of the CYC, to make a presentation regarding the FY09 budget for the City and how it will impact youth.

It was discussed that a representative from Government Affairs could speak to the Commission regarding legislation and government relations.

It was moved by Commissioner Turrentine and seconded by Commissioner Ingram to amend the motion to include inviting Tom Modica, Manager of Government Affairs to attend the CYC meeting in July regarding legislation and government relations and a representative from the City Manager's office to attend the CYC meeting in August, to make a presentation on the FY09 budget for the City and how it will impact youth. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Senior Youth Commissioners Recognition

Co-Chair Turrentine recognized Co-Chair Martin and Commissioners Michael and McDonnell, who will be leaving the Commission to further, pursue their education at various Universities.

Co-Chair Martin and Commissioners Michael and McDonnell gave a brief summary of their experience with the Commission.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Co-Chair Turrentine adjourned at 7:23 p.m. to the next regular scheduled meeting on Wednesday, July 23, 2008, at 5:00 p.m.

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